
To	Te Poari Mātauranga Academic Board	From	Simon Tries, Chair, Te Poari Whai Kounga
Title	Chair's report – Te Poari Whai Kounga Quality Alignment Board	Date	26 May 2020

Recommendation/s

That Te Poari Mātauranga:

- receive Te Poari Whai Kounga Chair's report.
- note the difficulty in ensuring that academic risk registers are updated each month

Purpose

To report on Te Poari Whai Kounga's main items from its 20 May meeting and provide relevant advice to Academic Board.

Commentary

At Te Poari Whai Kounga's second online hui the following key items were discussed:

2020 Interim Programme Evaluation and Planning (PEP):

The committee discussed a recommendation to undertake an interim PEP cycle following Semester 1 delivery. The recommendation was for all programmes to engage in an interim evaluation with a focus on the evaluation of five key matters: Successful Course Completion, Graduate Outcomes, the Implementation and actions relating to key institute strategies (i.e. priority group strategies), the impact and support relating to Covid-19, and progress against existing action plans. Members also discussed the proposed timeframes for the interim PEP. Following much discussion about the advantages, disadvantages and challenges, including resourcing, of undertaking an interim PEP, Te Poari Whai Kounga, endorsed the recommendation subject to confirmation by Heads of School.

PAQC Quarterly Reports

Outstanding reports from the previous month were received and a summary thematic report provided by Te Korowai Kahurangi. The reports vary significantly in their approach and content and signal the need to work further with PAQC Chairs on their reporting requirements. Key matters raised in/from the reports include the need for further training for (some) PAQCs and Chairs, including on risk management, and the resolution of student membership (for some). The challenges of delivery in a Covid-19 lockdown were also expressed. Overall, there is still work to do on clarifying and improving these reporting mechanisms. The Chair of QAB has convened meetings with PAQC Chairs to work through these matters.

Academic Risk

Progress is being made on the management and oversight of Academic Risk. However, there remain significant challenges in ensuring that risk registers are updated as required. Academic Board support is sought to ensure that the risk registers are updated in the first week of each month to ensure the evaluation of risk is based on current information. The first PAQC training session on Academic Risk has been organized for 2 June.